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In re Patent Application of:
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For: PROSTHESIS SYSTEMS AND METHODS
SIZED AND CONFIGURED FOR THE
RECEIPT AND RETENTION OF FASTENERS

Examiner: M. Ryckman

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in response to a non-final Office Action dated March 26, 2010, and subsequent to a Notice of Appeal filed on September 27, 2010 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 29, 2010. A response was due on November 29, 2010. Filed herewith are a Petition and fee for a five-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response up to and including April 29, 2011. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed. Also filed herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.